



# VolunteerBloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward."  
~ Khalil Gibran

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## Bicycle Instructor Corps Applications - deadline July 1

The Bloomington Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission is accepting applications until 5 p.m. on July 1 for the new Bicycle Instructor Corps program. The Corps will provide a variety of opportunities for instruction in safe, legal, and effective bicycling techniques. Members will receive extensive training through the League of American Bicyclists' League Cycling Instructor program. Minimum age is 18. Details and the application can be found at [www.bloomington.in.gov/bpsc](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/bpsc) or contact Vince Caristo, City of Bloomington Planning Department, at [planning-volunteers@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:planning-volunteers@bloomington.in.gov) or (812) 349-3423. ([www.bloomington.in.gov/planning](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/planning))

## Ferguson Dog Park Cleanup Days - July 9, Aug. 13

The Ferguson Dog Park, located north of Bloomington near the intersection of S.R. 37 and Old S.R. 37, is free to use and offers a safe, clean green space for dogs and their owners. Animal lovers are needed to assist with monthly upkeep - clipping, clearing, and cleaning - to ensure that both four-legged and two-legged visitors enjoy themselves. Park cleanup days are from 5:30-7 p.m. on second Wednesdays of the month (July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10). Minimum age to volunteer is 12. Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/DogParkCleanUp> or contact Kim Ecenbarger, Bloomington Parks and Recreation, at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov). ([www.bloomington.in.gov/parks](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/parks))

## VITAL Volunteer Orientation – July 9, Aug. 7

Attend one of the monthly orientation sessions to learn about Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners (VITAL). Upcoming sessions will be from 6:30-8 p.m. on July 9 and from 10-11:30 a.m. on Aug. 7. Registration required. Attendees will learn about volunteering at the Monroe Co. Public Library and VITAL, the expectations of volunteers, learners, and staff, and will be given an overview of adult literacy issues. VITAL Tutors provide adults with instruction in basic to intermediate reading, writing, and math. Additional training is required prior to becoming a tutor. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Bethany Terry at (812) 349-3173 or [vital@mcpl.info](mailto:vital@mcpl.info). ([www.mcpl.info/vital](http://www.mcpl.info/vital))

## Summer Breakfast Prep and Delivery

The Community Kitchen's summer breakfast program for children, which runs until Aug. 1, would love your assistance with preparing and delivering free sack breakfasts to children in low-income neighborhoods. No previous experience is needed, just a willingness to help. The prep. shift, from 7:30 to 9 a.m., takes four people; the delivery shift, from 9 a.m. to noon, takes two. Delivery volunteers help the driver load the van and hand out breakfasts at each stop on the route. Regular kitchen shifts for the dinner meal, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for food preparation, or 3:30-6:30 p.m. for serving, are also needed throughout the summer. Minimum age is 11; 10 if accompanied by an adult. Please contact Debbie Hopson at (812) 332-0999 or [debbie@monroecommunitykitchen.com](mailto:debbie@monroecommunitykitchen.com). ([www.monroecommunitykitchen.com](http://www.monroecommunitykitchen.com))

## Warehouse Assistants

You can help fill the volunteer gap at the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, where volunteers assist with sorting donated food, repacking bulk food, cleaning, picking up donations, or assisting with large mailings. The Food Bank collects, stores and distributes food to nearly 100 non-profit agencies that feed the hungry in Monroe and surrounding counties. Since opening in 1982, the Food Bank has distributed over 40 million pounds of food. Minimum age is 18; 12 if with an adult. Please contact Katie Haddad at (812) 334-8374 or [volunteer@hhfoodbank.org](mailto:volunteer@hhfoodbank.org). ([www.hhfoodbank.org](http://www.hhfoodbank.org))

## Community Wish List Spotlight

### Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington

Enables all young people to become caring, productive, responsible citizens. To grant a wish, contact Kelsey Whelan at [kwhelan@bgcbloomington.org](mailto:kwhelan@bgcbloomington.org) or (812) 332-5311. (311 S. Lincoln St.; [bgcbloomington.org](http://bgcbloomington.org))

**Wishes:** copy paper, life jackets, canoes, kayaks, soccer goals, electric range, gym divider, gym mats, colored paper, lanyards, pool sticks, tape; also gas, Kroger, Target, Menards and Walmart cards

*Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.*

*The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit [bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://bloomington.in.gov/volunteer) or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.*

